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## NJMC to Host Exhibit Showcasing the Hidden Beauty of Tidal Marshes

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission is pleased to announce the opening of “Marsh Meditations” in the Flyway Gallery. The exhibit is a celebration of the Trenton-Hamilton Marsh and Princeton Arts Alliance.

“We are proud to showcase personal ideas, inspirations, and visions of artists as they explore the human and environmental history of a recovering urban wetlands similar to the Meadowlands,” said NJMC Commissioner Eleanore S. Nissley. “Though on opposite sides of the state, these two areas are united as fonts of inspiration and creativity.”

“Marsh Meditations” is a mixture of various art forms. Each artist used a medium that best expressed a personal vision or an idea about the Trenton-Hamilton Marsh. Works include Hetty Baiz’s mixed-media “Mesingw,” a combination of legend, pictorial tradition and dredged marsh materials representing the Lenape Native Americans, and Charles McVicker’s oil paintings of the tranquility of mute swans.

“Marsh Meditations” has been exhibited at Bristol-Myers-Squibb in Lawrenceville and the Monmouth Museum in Lincroft. Selections from the exhibit were featured at the premiere of New Jersey Network’s “Turning the Tide,” a hi-definition documentary showcasing the natural features and wildlife of both marshes.

The exhibit opens July 3 and runs through August 30. A reception will be held Sunday, July 8 from noon to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

The Princeton Arts Alliance, founded in 1989, is a non-profit organization of well-established New Jersey artists who work with a variety of media, technique, style and subject matter.

The Flyway Gallery was founded by the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission to encourage public participation in the arts. Located in the center of the 110-acre DeKorte

Park in Lyndhurst, the Gallery provides a venue for artists to display their work, offers space for receptions, and sponsors photography and other themed contests. The Flyway Gallery is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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